



Legend

Fire Environment (FEN) 4 levels

Minimal	- The Overall Fire Environment suggests a very low risk for Large fires (less than 1% chance)
Normal	- The Overall Fire Environment suggests a <u>normal</u> risk for large fires (1 - 4% chance)
Elevated	- The Overall Fire Environment suggests a moderately high risk for large fires (5 - 19% chance)
High Risk	The risk for large fire(s) is very high (≥ 20%) Triggers: 1. ⚡ (Significant Lightning) 2. BEN (Critical Burn Environment)

The assessment of the overall fire environment considers multiple factors including weather, lightning amount and fuel dryness. Large Fire probabilities are derived objectively via statistical methods. **High Risk** levels (≥ 20% probability of a large fire) are almost always due to significant lightning as burning conditions alone rarely result in a large fire probability much above about 10%.

Pacific Northwest 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

Saturday, August 29, 2015



Predictive Service Areas	ytd	tdy	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
NW01								
NW02								
NW03								
NW04								
NW05		BEN						
NW06		BEN						
NW07								
NW08		BEN						
NW09		BEN						
NW10		BEN						
NW11		BEN						
NW12								

Fire Potential: A strong cold front is crossing the region today. Rain has fallen over the west side and winds have increased significantly east of the Cascades with gusts above 50mph likely in exposed spots. The risk of rapid fire growth and extreme fire behavior is high due to the winds on exisiting incidents in eastern Washington and eastern Oregon. Cooler weather with rain or showers will follow on Sunday with gradually decreasing winds east of the Cascades. The cooler, wetter pattern looks as if it will last all week.

See your local NWS fire weather planning forecast for th eweather details in your area.

Preparedness Level:

Northwest: 5
National: 5

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